THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): Madam, On behalf of Shri Rasheed Masood I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi, for the year 1988-89 and the Auditor's Report thereon.

(ii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-842/90]

II.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health), under sub-section (2) of section 23 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 437(E) dated the April, 1988, publishing the Prevention of Food Adulteration (Second Amendment) Rules, 1988. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—837/90]

(ii) G.S.R. No. 618(E) dated the 16th May, 1988, publishing the Prevention of Food Adulteration (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 1988.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 855(E) dated the 12th August, 1988, publishing the Corrigendum to G.S.R. No. 618(E) dated the 16th May, 1988. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—838/90] for (i) to (iii)]

(iv) G.S.R. No. 1081(E) dated the 17th November, 1988, publishing the Corrigendum to G.S.R. No. 437 (E) dated the 8th April, 1988.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the Notifications mentioned at (i) to (iv) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—837/90 for (iv) and (2)]

III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health) Notification G.S.R. No. 784(E) dated the 28th August, 1989, publishing the Drugs and Cosmetics Third Amendment Rules, 1989, under section 38 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940. [Placed Library. *See* No. LT—836/90]

Motion for Election to the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): Madam, I beg to move the following Motion:

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that a Joint Committee of the Houses to be called the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit be constituted for the purposes set out in the motion adopted by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 23rd March, 1990, and resolves that this House do join in the said Joint Committee and proceed to elect, in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, Five members from among the members of the House to serve on the said Joint Committee."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES (AMEDMENT) BILL, 1990.

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Legal Services Act, 1987.

The question was put and the motion was adopted

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI: Madam, I introduce the Bill.

RE: DEMONSTRATION AGAINST RISING PRICES

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): Madam, there is an agitation going on today throughout the country against the rising prices ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): There is an agitation today by the Congress(I) people against the price rise... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): Madam, about two lakh Congress(I) men are demonstrating today throughout the country against the rising prices ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute...(*Interruptions*)... Please sit down...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI M. M. JACOB (Kerala): Madam, I want to draw your kind attention to a very important matter. When we were requesting the Government to take effective steps to prevent the rise in prices, we were also requesting the Government to come before this House and allow a discussion and we were requesting the Finance Minister to say what steps they had taken to prevent the rise in price...(*Interruptoins*)... Today, Madam,...(*Interruptions*)... millions of people in the country are demonstrating against the rise in prices and the people are really concerned. Even salt is costing three rupees per kilo...(*Interruptions*)... salt was a subject on which even Mahatma Gandhi had to undertake a fast and now salt is costing three rupees per kilo! The poor people do not know what to do...(*Interruptions*)... I would like to know what the Government is going to do to prevent the price-rise... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute...(*Interruptions*)... The Leader of the House may say something... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH (Maharashtra): Madam, we have given notice... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat...(*Interruptions*)... All of you, please take your seats...(*Interruptions*)... Please sit down...(*Interruptions*)... There is no point in making this point now if the Chairman has permitted it...(*Interruptions*)... There is no point in making these remarks because the Chairman is going to give permission... (*Interruptions*)... Just a minute... (*Interruptions*)... I understand that a Short-Duration Discussion on the price-rise is going to be there on the 16th...(*Interruptions*)...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No, no... (*Interruptions*)... We want it today... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया (बिहार): रोज रेडियो में बताय टी० वी० में बताया जा रहा है कि प्राइस राइज पर कंट्रोल कर रहे है (व्यवधान) यह डिसाइड हुआ था कि 14 तारीख को डिसकशन होगा लेकिन जानबूझ कर इस तारीख को आगे बढाया गया है। सारे मुल्क में कांग्रेस (आई) की अध्यक्षता में इस प्राइस राइज पर आंदोलन चल रहा है। (व्यवधान)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): I am on a point of order.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: We had said that the budget was inflationary. It has come out that the budget is inflationary. The petrol hike is the single factor responsible for the increase in prices.

(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I hava said that the discussion will be on the 16th and that is all about it. (*Interruptions*) It was discussed in the Business Advisory Committee. That was the decision. Mr. Shiv Shanker knows about it. It was decided that it is going to be taken up this week. The Chairman gave the time. The Minister was away. He has